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Coalition meets

The Coleman Avenue Coalition will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Annex on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Topics to be discussed will be fundraising, projects and priorities.

For more information call Allison Anderson at 467-1149.

Summer camp

St. Rose de Lima will be sponsoring a summer day camp for children ages 4-15.

Registration will be Friday and Saturday, April 18-19 from 9 a.m. noon at the St. Rose Parish Center on 301 S. Nacaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The summer camp will be six weeks long. Hours are 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. daily. Fee for the camp and whether or not the camp will open will depend on the number of children who register.

Yolande Bradley will be in charge (467-7347).

Tryouts

Fast pitch softball select tournament team for girls ages 16-18 will be holding tryouts Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27.

Girls interested should contact Bill Gargano Jr. at 467-2415.

Tryouts will be held at the Bay St. Louis High School gymnasium. Tryouts are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Fortune 433

Fortune 433 is a new 1997 model car. It is a four-door sedan with a V-6 engine. It has a top speed of 180 mph. It is available in black, silver, and white.

Detention facility plans move ahead

Appraisals ordered, election is possible

BY ED LEPOMA

Plans to build a badly needed Juvenile Detention Center for Hancock County were put on a fast track this week with supervisors ordering appraisals of downtown land and a call to hold an election to gauge the feelings of citizens.

The action came after the committee hired to look at proposals reached a consensus on what type of facility would be most cost effective to operate and build.

committee recommends construction of a 30-bed facility."

Hattiesburg architect James Polk, working in association with Kentucky design architects, last week gave supervisors cost estimates on buildings using five different scenarios.

The architects concluded that a 30-bed detention center in close proximity to the county jail would cost approximately \$2.3 million to build, and another \$600,000 for the pur-

"It would be expensive to move, but we really don't need a building this large...It wouldn't put us out of business..."

Ruth Thompson, owner of Ruth's Cakery, on the news that the site of her business has been singled out as a possible location for a proposed juvenile detention facility.

Jeff Loftus, who serves on the committee and is the county's consultant on the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, told supervisors, "the

chase of nearby properties. Yearly operational costs would run around \$684,000.

However, consultants said the center would more than pay for itself if Sheriff Ronnie Peterson were allowed to house as many as 20 juvenile detainees for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service on a year-round basis. Estimates are the federal government will pay between \$75 and \$125 daily to house each detainee.

A 30-bed facility elsewhere in the county is estimated to cost \$2.9 million to build, in addition to land costs because separate kitchen facilities would be required and transportation costs would increase.

The land singled out for appraisal consists of Ruth's Cakery, which faces Court Street and includes a shop now hous-

Homes historic

BY ED LEPOMA

The three homes on the block of Court Street between the intersection of the highway and the railroad tracks are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, according to Charles Gray, President of the local Historic Preservation Society.

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In the way

Ruth's Cakery on Court Street (above) and three historic homes facing Railroad Street (below) will have to go if supervisors decide to locate the Hancock County Juvenile Detention Center downtown and adjacent to the county jail. Appraisals have been ordered to determine the value of the properties. (Echo staff photos by Richard Meek)



Bay school bond issue \$9M

BY RICHARD MEEK

Voters in Waveland and Bay St. Louis will be asked on May 13 to approve a \$9 million bond for the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District.

School district officials said \$6 million of the bond money would be used to finance a new junior high school to be constructed on property near Bay High School that the district plans to purchase from Casino Magic.

The remaining \$3 million would be used for the repair and upgrading of the district's four existing schools.

The bond election comes one week after the Bay St. Louis city elections, and on the same day that voters in the unincorporated area of Hancock County will be asked to approve a \$20 million bond for the county school district.

Board President Richard Flowers said the district is sim-

ply out of room. The district has added 16 classes in the past three years, 12 at the elementary and middle schools,

and four at the high school.

Flowers said the high school is operating at 110 percent capacity, and that the auditori-

um is being used for six classes.

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Board wrestles with personnel

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Hancock County school officials have wrestled with some apparently sticky personnel matters in recent weeks, in-

cluding a series of votes on whether or not to retain the high school's head basketball coach for girls.

The school board's most re-

cent vote on the matter came Monday night in executive session, putting basketball coach

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Fireworks tents may be banned

BY RICHARD MEEK

Nearly a year after the issue was first raised, Waveland city officials may be getting close to passing an ordinance banning the sale of fireworks from temporary tents.

Waveland Fire Chief David Garcia said he is completing a proposed ordinance that would prohibit vendors from setting up tents for the purpose of selling fireworks. Currently, vendors put up the tents for the two weeks prior to the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve.

Garcia said the proposed ordinance would require all fireworks vendors to sell their merchandise from a "fixed building." He added he will huddle with City Attorney Ronnie Arduques Jr. to define "fixed building."

Bay St. Louis already has in place an ordinance with a fixed

building requirement.

Garcia said the ordinance would also require "supervised sales," meaning that customers will not be able to handle the fireworks before the sale.

"We are just trying to protect the people," Garcia said. "You never know what could happen. We are looking at it from a safety aspect."

Garcia said he hopes to have the proposed ordinance to Mayor John Mason and the aldermen by the end of the week.

Any ordinance approved by the aldermen would take effect 30 days after its passage.

The subject first surfaced nearly a year ago when the aldermen had hoped to have new regulations in place by last Fourth of July. But the holiday passed with no new ordinance, and the subject was not raised for New Year's Eve.



On way out?

Those unsightly fireworks tents that are a sight on the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve in Waveland may soon be on the way out. Waveland Fire Chief David Garcia said he will soon present a proposed ordinance to the mayor and aldermen that would require fireworks vendors to sell their merchandise out of "fixed buildings." (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

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BY BETSY GAGNET
A revival of Second Saturday in Old Town Bay St. Louis was kicked off last week.
The monthly event features gallery openings, early bird specials and extended hours of downtown businesses.
Originally, the concept was begun by the galleries in the area, but was discontinued several years ago.
Viki Niolet of Paper Moon said she and Ellis Anderson of Quarter Moon Gallery decided to try and revive the event and the other merchants were responsive.

"I used to come in (from New Orleans) for Second Saturday and I loved it as an event," Anderson said. "Viki and I talked about getting it going again."
The plans are to "spotlight several businesses who want to do it," Niolet said.
Last week's event coincided with the opening of a second gallery at Quarter Moon.
The program is set to run through November when it will stop so as not to conflict with any events planned for the Christmas season.
"We try to generate crowds during the summer months when the weather is nicer and it stays lighter longer," Niolet explained.

At Bay Emporium, Don Goudeau said he is optimistic about the event.
"I think it will pick up, it's kind of early in the season," he said.
Last year, Goudeau, who sells estate jewelry, vintage watches and collectable and user cameras, stayed open late on Saturdays along with another vendor.
"Jean Ann (Thriffley) and I stayed open late on our own... and it was quite successful," he said.
For now Niolet said the merchants are trying to get the word out and said some businesses which did not participate last week will be involved next time.

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Four arrested


BY RICHARD MEEK
The arrest of one man on drug charges has led to the arrest of four others.
Detective Jeff Hair of the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force said Alfred Broaster was arrested on March 24 on Interstate 10 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Hair said Hancock County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. James Esposito's routine traffic stop of Broaster on March 24 led to the seizure of 27 kilograms of cocaine, which carried a street value of \$700,000.
Hair said Broaster cooperated with authorities in the subsequent investigation, and that led to the arrest of Gorge Hutchinson and Milton Quintanilla for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine. Also seized was \$9,500.
Hutchinson, in turn, cooperated with officials and that led to the arrests of Eddy Williams Prieto and Florencio Perez-Navarro on the same charges. Hair said Prieto's arrest also resulted in the seizure of a 1996 Nissan Maxima.
Broaster is free on \$30,000 bond. A preliminary hearing has been set for April 21.
Hair said the investigation is continuing. The Task Force may receive a portion of the funds seized.
Assisting Esposito in the arrest of Broaster were Sgt. Tim Broder of the HCSO and Waveland Patrolman Mike Byrd.

Notice to candidates
The deadline to receive copy for free candidate announcements in the May Democratic primary and June General Election is Monday, April 21, 5 p.m.
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Bay resident attacked in home

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Tuesday at 8 p.m. Bay St. Louis police responded to a call of an alleged shooting near the corner of Carroll Ave. and Nicaise.
At the scene police found Carl Hodges, 81, bleeding from the head.
According to Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil, Hodges alleged two black males, one in his thirties, the second approximately 18-20, came to Hodges' door on the pretense of selling or repairing a lawnmower.
Allegedly an altercation occurred during which Hodges thought he was shot.
McNeil said examination at Gulfport Memorial Hospital revealed injury from trauma and no apparent gunshot wound.
Hodges maintains he saw a gun during the alleged incident.
McNeil said neighbors were interviewed and no one reported hearing a gunshot although one person reportedly heard Hodges yell for help.
McNeil said Hodges informed police the alleged perpetrators may have tried unsuccessfully to get his wallet.
The police are looking for a vehicle McNeil described as an older green and white Chevy pick up.
McNeil said the incident is "still under investigation and we are trying to put together information to lead to the identity of the suspects."

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Originally, the concept was begun by the galleries in the area, but was discontinued several years ago.

Viki Niolet of Paper Moon said she and Ellis Anderson of Quarter Moon Gallery decided to try and revive the event and the other merchants were responsive.

"I used to come in (from New Orleans) for Second Saturday and I loved it as an event," Anderson said. "Viki and I talked about getting it going again."

The plans are to "spotlight several businesses who want to do it," Niolet said.

Last week's event coincided with the opening of a second gallery at Quarter Moon.

The program is set to run through November when it will stop so as not to conflict with any events planned for the Christmas season.

"We try to generate crowds during the summer months when the weather is nicer and it

stays lighter longer," Niolet explained.

At Bay Emporium, Don Goudeau said he is optimistic about the event.

"I think it will pick up, it's kind of early in the season," he said.

Last year, Goudeau, who sells estate jewelry, vintage watches and collectable and user cameras, stayed open late on Saturdays along with another vendor.

"Jean Ann (Thriffley) and I stayed open late on our own... and it was quite successful," he said.

For now Niolet said the merchants are trying to get the word out and said some businesses which did not participate last week will be involved next time.

Notice to candidates

The deadline to receive copy for free candidate announcements in the May Democratic primary and June General Election is Monday, April 21, 5 p.m.

Four arrested

BY RICHARD MEEK

The arrest of one man on drug charges has led to the arrest of four others.

Detective Jeff Hair of the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force said Alfred Broaster was arrested on March 24 on Interstate 10 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Hair said Hancock County Deputy Sheriff Sgt. James Esposito's routine traffic stop of Broaster on March 24 led to the seizure of 27 kilograms of cocaine, which carried a street value of \$700,000.

Hair said Broaster cooperated with authorities in the subsequent investigation, and that led to the arrest of Gorge Hutchinson and Milton Quintanilla

for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine. Also seized was \$9,500.

Hutchinson, in turn, cooperated with officials and that led to the arrests of Eddy Williams Prieto and Florencio Perez-Navarro on the same charges. Hair said Prieto's arrest also resulted in the seizure of a 1996 Nissan Maxima.

Broaster is free on \$30,000 bond. A preliminary hearing has been set for April 21.

Hair said the investigation is continuing. The Task Force may receive a portion of the funds seized.

Assisting Esposito in the arrest of Broaster were Sgt. Tim Broder of the HCSO and Waveland Patrolman Mike Byrd.

Bay resident attacked in home

BY BETSY GAGNET

Tuesday at 8 p.m. Bay St. Louis police responded to a call of an alleged shooting near the corner of Carroll Ave. and Necaise.

At the scene police found Carl Hodges, 81, bleeding from the head.

According to Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil, Hodges alleged two black males, one in his thirties, the second approximately 18-20, came to Hodges' door on the pretense of selling or repairing a lawnmower.

Allegedly an altercation occurred during which Hodges thought he was shot.

McNeil said examination at Gulfport Memorial Hospital revealed injury from trauma and no apparent gunshot wound.

Hodges maintains he saw a gun during the alleged incident. McNeil said neighbors were interviewed and no one reported hearing a gunshot although one person reportedly heard Hodges yell for help.

McNeil said Hodges informed police the alleged per-

petrators may have tried unsuccessfully to get his wallet.

The police are looking for a vehicle McNeil described as an older green and white Chevy pickup.

McNeil said the incident is "still under investigation and we are trying to put together information to lead to the identity of the suspects."


Owner found

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner reports the owner of a trailer abandoned off Hancock Road in Bayside Park has come forward.

Ladner declined to identify the owner, but said he was told heavy rains prevented him from placing it on a lot in the vicinity of W. Pike and W. Bolivar.

He said the owner will again be asked to move the

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Councilman
District 2
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James C. "Jim" Thriffley III is seeking his sixth term as District Two councilman in Bay St. Louis.

Thriffley has been a member of the St. Stanislaus High School faculty for 31 years.

Thriffley is an independent insurance agent who also holds an NASD license as a security dealer. He served as the Hancock County representative on the Pearl River Community Board of Trustees for 10 years.

He is presently serving on the board of directors of the Pearl River Community College Development Foundation. He was elected by the member cities of the Mississippi Municipal Association to represent the Gulf Coast as a member of the board of directors of the association's Liability Pool where he served for five years.

He holds a BA from SLU and a master's of education from Loyola University of the South and continued advanced graduate work at USM, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Iowa and LSU in the areas of business, counseling and physics.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus Pere le Duc Council 1522, Our Lady of the Gulf Church, the Hancock County Historical Society, the Mississippi Association of Physicists, and the Mississippi Municipal Association.

Thriffley has resided at 118 Bay View Court for the past 31 years with his wife, the former Jean Ann English, and their three sons, James C. Thriffley IV, MD, Todd N. Thriffley, JD, and Tate Thriffley.

He stated, "As councilman, I have served with 14 councilmen, three mayors and five city clerks. My purpose in city government is to maintain, to improve and to protect the quality of life in our beloved Bay St. Louis."

"During my terms, sewerage has been provided to all homes in District Two. I have opposed spot zoning. I believe that government should be fair and just to all persons regardless of financial standing."

The historical survey of the city was initiated and completed which led to federal funding for the rehabilitation of many homes; jobs for local craftsmen and other businesses resulted. Replacement of over 20 miles of gas lines has led to decreased utility bills.

"I back the school system, and I endorse the work of these fine people. When I negotiated the agreement with Casino Magic to give the city 3.2 percent of its gross profits, it was set so that the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Municipal Separate School District shares in these revenues with a monthly check being issued directly to them from the Magic."

"Road construction, maintenance and drainage are always a priority, as are strong law enforcement and the continued development of the recreation department, along with various drainage improvement projects in Ward Two and throughout the city. The recent bond issue will further improve the infrastructure of our city along with easy accessibility to various locations of interest."

"The VCJ gym has been renovated and provided with a new floor as it is used daily by the Bay Youth Basketball League and for adult functions. The Scott Demboski Soccerplex is opening this month with its first major tournament, which will promote tourism and thereby benefit many of our local businesses, and it is to be used by many age groups. The purchase of the girls softball field on Ulman and Dunbar and the construction of the baseball and sports complex represents approximately a \$1,000,000 recreational investment in the youth of our local communities."

"Due to proper planning and administration over the years, we have been able to reduce the taxes on both residential and commercial property in Bay St. Louis by 25 mills. This same reduction has caused the price of an auto tag in our city to drop approximately 25 percent. During the past few years, we have been able to give the citizens of Bay St. Louis the added savings of several utility rate decreases."

"The recycling program was initiated to promote conservation and help our city comply with federal mandates for solid waste reduction. This service is provided to the residents of Bay St. Louis at no charge whatsoever. In addition to these savings, we were able to secure the Peoples Federal Building as the new City Hall Annex in order to satisfy the regulations of the American with Disabilities Act. This facility offers us a modern structure that is handicap accessible, has a large bank vault, a night depository for utility bills, and a drive-up window that allows business transactions to be completed conveniently regardless of the weather."

"We are also eagerly awaiting the opening of the newly constructed senior citizens building on Old Spanish Trail. This represents a \$500,000 investment through a joint project involving the U.S. Government, Hancock County, the City of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, along with many other groups and persons of good will."

"At this time in Bay St. Louis, we have the best trained and educated police department and fire department in the history of our city. The public works crews and office personnel are the most productive and efficient of any group that have ever been here. Modern accounting and recordkeeping techniques and up-to-date computer equipment have been installed, and the needed training has been provided to our personnel."

"These dedicated and selfless individuals are doing an excellent job under outstanding supervision. They all take pride in their work, and it shows."

"I am proud to have been instrumental in the effort to provide these folks with decent fringe benefits and a living wage. I am grateful for their presence and efforts."

"In the future I will continue to promote the business district and the efforts of the business associations, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock Historical Society, the beautification groups and the new Hancock County Tourism Commission. During my tenure in office, the city has experienced organized planned growth designed to benefit the people. I do assure everyone that this will be the rule followed by me in the future as Ward Two councilman."

"With the restoration of the train depot having been completed and the ongoing development of that area, business and sales tax collections will further be stimulated."

"We are very appreciative of the many efforts of the Garden Club and the Gather Ye Rosebuds Society in beautifying and promoting our city, and especially during the just completed 50th anniversary Spring Pilgrimage."

"As we approach the 300th anniversary of our lovely livable city, I am looking forward to the Bienville statue community project, sponsored by the Hancock County Historical Society, directed by Charles Gray with expert assistance being provided by the Rosebud group and the Garden Club, for the fund raising and the creation and layout of the new landmark's location on Beach Boulevard adjacent to Main Street. This site is being made available through the generous cooperation of the Hancock Bank and its chairman, Leo Seal."

"I would like to remind everyone in District Two to vote Tuesday, May 6 Primary Election at the newly renovated Hancock Library on Hwy. 90 and Central Ave."

"I wish to thank the many persons with whom I have worked the years for their counsel and guidance and also for promoting and beautifying our city. In closing, I would like to remind everyone that, as usual, I am only a phone call away. 467-4138. Please feel free to call me to discuss any of your concerns. Thank you."

James C. Thriffley, III



"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Waveland's Little Baseball program has a serious problem.

Little League officials have come to town and said they do not have enough lighting for night games. There are some 19 teams of players in the Waveland Little League program with possibly more being added.

Someone, somehow needs to offer help to Waveland's Little League in getting the ballfields up to par.

The time is now to order Mississippi Forestry Commission seedlings, according to Mark Jamieson, area forester.

Orders are being taken for hardwoods of many varieties and slash and lobolly pines.

The hardwoods are sold in bundles of 100 for \$18.50 and the pines in bundles of 1000 for \$30.

The hardwoods will be delivered in February, 1998 and pines from December 1997, to March 1998.

If you have vacant land doing nothing, you may want to plant some trees to provide you with some income down the road.

To place orders, call the Mississippi Forestry Commission in Hancock County from 8 a.m. to noon, at 255-4885.

The United Way of South Mississippi has selected its campaign cabinet for the 1997 campaign.

I realize it is still early in the year, but before we know it, campaign time will be here once again.

As most of you know, the United Way of South Mississippi involves Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River counties.

The over-all chairman for this year is Gulfport attorney Bill McDonough.

The Hancock County campaign co-chairs are Terese Wiley, local attorney at law; and Suzanne Beatrice, the employee relations manager of Alcan Cable in Bay St. Louis.

Both Wiley and Beatrice have been involved in many community projects, and with the help of the community should provide Hancock County with a good United Way fund drive for 1997.

The United Way of South Mississippi funds many very important agencies, which benefit residents.

When the United Way campaign gets underway at the end of summer, I am hoping everyone will do their part.

Remember, the United Way works for all of us.
Best of luck to Susan and Teresa.

Final call for interested parties in the Old Town Bay St. Louis Merchants Association's *Paint the Can* contest which will be held Saturday.

The theme is *Life in Hancock County*.

The finished cans will be donated to the City of Bay St. Louis.

Registration is limited. Applications may be obtained at Benigno's Deli, Blaize Avenue, or Emerald Bay, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis. For further information, call 466-0105, or 466-3339.

Letters Welcome

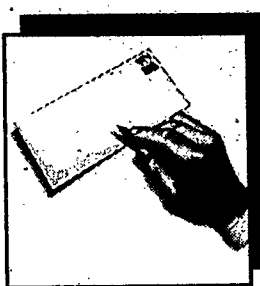
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—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

House pages

State Rep. Dirk D. Dedaux (far left) stands with his 1997 pages Danielle Inabinet of the Dedaux community (right center) and Mary Ann Garriga of Diamondhead (left center). Speaker of the House Tim Ford (far right) took a moment to show the pages the dias of the House.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waveland Little League put in the dark

Dear Editor:

The federal government mandates our children's education, therefore we have schools and proper educational supplies.

Government mandates nothing associated with recreational activities like Little League Baseball in Waveland, which is our home. Should we as a small-town United States city have proper equipment, such as a well-lit Little League baseball park? We all say yes!

Little League officials have come to our park and said we do not have proper lighting for night games on Waveland's baseball fields.

A representative from our home state is a high-ranking official in Washington, D.C., a po-

litical mountain of funds.

Let us, the people, demand our children have something to do on summer nights besides succumbing to peer pressure of the streets.

Major League players go on strike for greed of money.

Let's not let our children for lack of money not be able to play.

I say please, in the words of our most famous leader ever, "Let there be light."

Opening day is April 26. We cannot have night games without proper lights. We need your help.

Concerned President
Jim Barr Sr.
Concerned Coach
Michael Reis

Library orders book on underaged serving in military

Dear Editor:

We noticed with great interest your column in last Sunday's paper concerning a book on underaged men and women who had served in the military.

I checked our collection, and since we do not own the book, thought it appropriate to order a copy in honor of our service men and women.

For those of your readers wishing to read the book, we have verified the complete title as *America's Youngest Warriors: Stories About Young Men and Women Who Served in the Armed Forces of the United*

States of America Before Attaining Legal Age. The authors are as you mentioned, Ray D. and Susan M. Jackson.

Those member of the public who wish to read the book may reserve it by phone by calling the headquarters library at 467-5282 or by filling out a request the next time they visit the headquarters library or the Waveland or Kila branches.

Thank you for bringing this important book to our attention.

Sincerely,
David M. Woodburn
Public Services Director

FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

Qs & As
By Phil Bryant

SCHOOLS

Q May a school board, in compliance with 31-7-13(e), lease purchase band uniforms?

A Yes, a school board may in its discretion and on its minutes, make a determination that the band uniforms are items necessary to equip the school band and therefore constitute equipment under the public purchase law. (Attorney General's opinion to Foxworth dated Feb. 14, 1997)

Q May a school board borrow money for anticipated current year's expenses in anticipation of the collection of ad valorem taxes and other revenues for the then current fiscal year?

A Yes. The money borrowed shall be repaid within 14 months from the date of such borrowing. (Section 37-59-37)

Q How may surplus funds of a school district be invested?

A Section 37-59-43 outlines acceptable methods for investment of surplus funds.

Q May 16th section funds, pursuant to Section 29-3-113, be invested in mutual funds?

A No, mutual fund shares are not direct obligations of the United States and are not guaranteed in full by the United States as required by Section 29-3-113. (Attorney General's opinion to Montgomery dated Nov. 25, 1992)

Q May a school district employ one or more persons as security personnel and shall be authorized to designate them as peace officers in or on any property operated for school purposes upon taking an oath and making bond as required of a constable?

A No, a district in its discretion, may or may not provide leave with pay for an employee serving on a jury. (Attorney General's opinion to Carnathan dated April 10, 1991)

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Q May a district adopt a policy that employees will not be reimbursed for meals incurred while traveling when no overnight stay is required?

A Yes

Q If a district reimburses an employee for meal expenses which do not involve overnight travel, must federal tax, state tax, social security and retirement amounts be withheld before reimbursement is made to the employee?

A Yes

Since scientists first split the atom more than 50 years ago, the golden promise of the Atomic Age has always been tarnished by the dark realities of nuclear stewardship. The specter of nuclear war and the threat of contamination by radioactive waste have been the price of unlocking the greatest energy source ever known.

For many years now, we have tried to reduce the threat of nuclear war through treaties and other diplomatic means. Few would argue we are now safer from such a calamity than we have been since the early 1950s.

But the shadow of nuclear waste storage continues to stretch across the land, and we have been too slow in coming to terms with this problem.

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The bill states that a nuclear test site in Nevada would serve as a temporary storage location until the permanent storage site, located at nearby Yucca Mountain, Nevada, is completed in 2015. This plan makes sense for the safety of our people, our communities and our environment.

Almost every state in the country has nuclear waste being stored there. In too many instances, this by-product of energy production is being stored on-site at a nuclear power plant. The fact is that many of these plants are running out of storage space.

While people may ask why those who run nuclear power plants did not plan for the future, you must remember that this waste has piled up while the permanent storage site was being planned.

It is time to take action. The federal government must take the lead in ensuring that the waste is safely and permanently stored.

Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office)



Pass students serve as pages

Pass Christian High School students Vicki Dubuission, Brian Ladner and Kiley Ladner served as pages in the state capitol last month. They joined about 20 high school students from throughout Mississippi who served as pages for one week. Dubuission and Kiley Ladner were pages for Senator Scottie Cuevas, District 46, and Brian Ladner was a page for House Representative Diane Peranish. The students listened to House and Senate sessions and met many dignitaries from the state government.



FROM THE SENATE

By Senator Trent Lott

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ected the federal government to live up to its mandate of having a central storage site near completion by now.

Since the original Nuclear Waste Policy Act was passed, \$12 billion has been collected from American rate payers to pay for storage. Rate payers have a right to wonder why nuclear waste is still being stored in their communities, by their playgrounds and near their rivers.

It should be far away in a remote, desert location.

The problem of nuclear waste storage is getting worse. By 1998, it is estimated that 23 reactors in 14 states will be full.

By 2010, 65 reactors in 29 states will be full. It is also estimated that 25 percent of our nuclear plants will not be able to build onsite storage facilities and will be forced to shut down, causing a loss of more than five percent of our nation's total electricity generating capacity.

To continue ignoring this problem is irresponsible.

Some people believe we should leave nuclear waste where it is until a permanent site is complete. This makes no sense. Irresponsible storage of nuclear waste has no place in any state, be it Michigan, Oregon or Mississippi.

One safe, central, remote storage site is the only answer.

The Nevada test was used successfully during the Cold War to test nuclear bombs. Now it can help us conquer the Atomic Age and make our country safer for everyone.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Please write to Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office)

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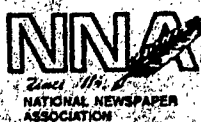
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IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

LIONS

The Diamondhead Lions Club has elected some new folks to take the helm after their installation ceremony sometime in June.

Betty Peters will succeed Conrad Bourgeois as president; first vice president is Bob Hanson, second vice president, Peggy Wylie; Joel Bourgeois, treasurer; and Jim Bekcham, lion tamer.

Board members are Joe Jackson, Dennis Dowell, Ginger Jackson, Shirleen Lowrey, Lola Mullinix, Jaime and Bob Valigorsky.

The Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Community Center. They welcome visitors and candidates for membership.

WE SERVE

"We Serve" is the Diamondhead Lions Club's motto and to raise funds for the club's many community projects, which in-

cludes the aid of the blind and visually handicapped, they are having a giant garage sale Saturday, April 19, open at 8 a.m. at the home of Conrad and Joel Bourgeois at 8814 Malino Place. Please call 255-9308 for information.

ST. VINCENT

The ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Annunciation Church are busy planning their annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23.

The boutique opens at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. This all takes place for a \$10 donation at Father McNerny's Parish Hall in Kiln next to the old school.

There will be homemade craft items and homemade food items for sale benefiting the

needy in Hancock County.

CONCERT

The Diamondhead Performing Arts Society presents jazz great Ellis Marsalis in concert at Diamondhead Academy's Roger's Hall Sunday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Tickets at \$15 adult are selling fast at Diamondhead Discount Drugs and LL Ltd.

DON'T FORGET

Two Diamondhead Women's club functions will help the Mississippi Alzheimer's Foundation and Hope Haven.

Both are on April 26. The book sale at the community center from 9-3 and the "Classic Clutter" sale at the Diamondhead Community Church from 9-4.

Diamondhead Lions Club elects new officers

Please continue your support for this group's hard work for these charities. Call 255-5504 for details.

YOUNG ACTORS

The talents of aspiring young actors are needed for Dick Alves' production of "The Little Princess." The cast calls for four boys and 11 or 12 girls.

Auditions are Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at the Community Church. Production dates are set for June.

REMEMBRANCE

A beautiful service of remembrance was held Sunday, April 13 after church services for loved ones memorialized on the wall in the garden on the grounds of the Community Church. "We thank you, God,

for his/her life."

THOUGHTS TO SHARE

The inner half of every cloud is bright and shining. I therefore turn my clouds about and always wear them inside out to show the lining. Wishing you a 'sunshine' week.



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Haas reunion set April 19 at McLeod

A Haas family reunion will be held Saturday, April 19, starting at 10 a.m. at McLeod Water Park, Texas Flat Road.

Virdile Haas Orrels, organizer said, "The reunion is for all Haas relatives and friends. Each is asked to bring some food and refreshments."

Invitations have been sent to family members and it is hoped they all will attend, Orrels said.

MHG honors volunteers

MHG Hospice volunteers are among the 100,000 individuals nationwide who devote their time to serving terminally ill patients and their families.

Over 5 million hours of service are given annually through hospice volunteers. MHG Hospice relies on its 20 volunteers to provide direct care to patients and families and will honor the work of hospice volunteers during National Volunteer Week, Apr. 13-19.

"No task is too big or too small for our volunteers, but often the most important thing they can do is just 'be there' for patients — to reassure them they are not alone, to hold a hand, to offer a smile, or to just listen," said Linda Koury, hospice volunteer coordinator.

Hospice provides terminally ill patients with care that seeks neither to hasten or prolong the dying process. An interdisciplinary, medically-directed team addresses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families. The team typically includes a physician, nurse, social worker, spiritual caregiver, home health aid and volunteers.

To find out how to become a hospice volunteer, contact Linda Koury by calling (601) 867-4160.

Workshops offered on developing inventions

Aspiring inventors across Mississippi will have three opportunities in April and May to get advice from the top about how to develop and market their inventions.

The Mississippi Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor three workshops — April 29 in Southaven, April 30 in Jackson and May 1 in Long Beach — for inventors who want a little how-to advice.

Debra Malewicki, director of the Wisconsin Innovation Service Center, will give the keynote.

Cost is \$30 if registering before April 22 or \$35 at the door. Lunch is included in the fee.

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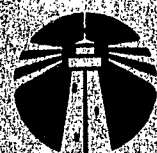
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Beauregard seeks Council seat

Linda Lala Beauregard has announced her candidacy for Ward 2 Councilman in the Bay St. Louis May 6, Democratic primary.

Beauregard, a housewife, has been a resident of Bay St. Louis since June, 1984.

She and her husband Stanley Richard Beauregard have been married for 28 years and are the parents of Michelle Marie Beauregard and Aime Beauregard McArthur, both of Bay St. Louis.

She is a graduate of Holy Name of Mary High School, New Orleans; did general requirements for undergraduate

study at Delgado Community College; and general requirements for elementary education at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans.

Her qualifications include 1991-96 Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commissioner; 1989-90 Volunteer for Bay St. Louis Development Foundation; 1989-90 Hancock County Democratic Election Committee; and 1985-86 Bay St. Louis Senior High School Athletic Club.

Beauregard, in commenting about a comprehensive zoning plan noted as top priority four years ago and still not adopted

said, "Having been a commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Board at the time it was introduced to the public and city officials, I still feel that a comprehensive zoning plan was needed and still is needed in order to have some control over the increase in economic growth we will see in the future."

"Many of our residents have been concerned about Bay St. Louis seeing many changes in our residential and business areas. These concerns can be addressed in the comprehensive plan as we have seen in the zoning of the medical office district and the bed and breakfast zoning."



Linda Lala Beauregard

Announcement of Loan Application for Transmission Line Construction

South Mississippi Electric Power Association (SMEPA) announces its plans to submit a loan application to the Rural Utilities Service for the purpose of financing the construction of the transmission line referred to as the Wellman 115kV Project. For more information please refer to the legal notice printed in this publication regarding the SMEPA Wellman 115kV Project Proposal.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 19, 1997 the City of Bay St. Louis will hold a public auction of recovered bicycles and miscellaneous surplus property at the Bay St. Louis Police/Fire Complex, at 310 Old Spanish Trail, beginning at 8:00 A.M.

For more information, contact: Lt. Don Osco at 467-9221

Coast Chorale presents collection of folk songs

As part of their Masterworks Series, St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian will present the Coast Chorale performing John Rutter's "The

Sprig of Thyme," a collection of English, Scottish and Irish folk songs Sunday, April 20 at 3 p.m.

In addition, the chorale will also perform a variety of Ameri-

can folk songs and spirituals. Admission is free.

The Chorale will also perform many of these pieces with the Slidell Community Chorus and the Slidell Wind Symphony Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Slidell Civic Auditorium. Admission for the Slidell concert is \$5.

The Coast Chorale is now rehearsing for its debut in New York City's Carnegie Hall in November. The Chorale will perform John Rutter's "Magnificat" under the composer's direction.

The Coast Chorale is a 60-member community chorus consisting of singers from as far away as Picayune and Ocean Springs. Chorale conductor Joy Mehrtens holds a master's degree in music.

Mehrtens served as choir director and organist in the New Orleans metropolitan area for more than 25 years and was director of music at Holy Name of Jesus Church on Loyola University's campus. Currently, Mehrtens teaches music at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis

and is organist at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

The Coast Chorale rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian. Rehearsals for the 1997-98 season will begin May 6. For those interested in joining the Chorale, placement auditions will be held at Trinity Episcopal May 6 at 6:45 p.m. For information, call Joy Mehrtens at 452-3539 or Virginia Langen at 255-5827.

USMGC to commemorate first 25 years

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast has announced a celebration to commemorate 25 years of degree-granting higher education on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

During a news conference March 31, USM Gulf Coast Dean James O. Williams announced a six-month program of 16 events to commemorate and celebrate degree granting higher education on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"These are exciting times for USM Gulf Coast," Williams said. "We are at an all-time high in enrollment; our academic offerings are the most extensive ever; continuing education and conference center programs are expanding; and there is a surge of interest for higher education on the Coast."

Additionally, Williams said the latest technology is in use at USMGC: teaching with the interactive video network along the Gulf Coast, and between the Coast and Hattiesburg campuses.

Degree granting status was given to USM by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) in July 1972. USM established a regional campus in 1972 on the former Gulf Park College for Girls campus in Long Beach. Degree granting status also was available on Keesler Air Force Base.

The late Dr. Joe E. Holloway was the first dean of USM Gulf Coast.

Williams received some of the milestones in the advancement of USM Gulf Coast:

— July, 1972, Establishment;

— July, 1976, Two-Plus-Two Agreement formalized between USM and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College providing students a logistically easy way to earn a two-year degree at MCCCC and then continue working toward a bachelor's degree at USMGC.

— September 1989, Day Classes offered for the first time.

September 1991, Two-Plus-Two agreement formalized with Pearl River Community College.

— September 1992, USM Gulf Coast changed from term to semester calendar.

— January 1994, Interactive video classroom installed and classes begun between Gulf Park and Hattiesburg.

— August 1995, Interactive video added between Gulf Park and Stennis Space Center and Jackson County.

— April 1993, Holloway Complex occupied.

— July 1993, Dr. James O. Williams named dean of USM Gulf Coast.

— September 1994, Development office established.

— August 1995, Business

Building occupied.

USM Gulf Coast's Strategic Plan for a New Century, announced in 1996, is on target, Williams said. He said enrollment of 2,000 students by year 2000 is well within reach, the interactive video network is in place and the master campus plan for program development, physical needs, research and land use is progressing.

Williams said contract is being made with local government entities for \$2 million to match a Legislative appropriation to construct a major academic complex on the Gulf Park campus.

Additionally, he said, degrees have been expanded to meet specific needs.

Beauvoir slates ceremony

Beauvoir National Historic Landmark will begin its annual Confederate Memorial Day observance April 26 with a cornerstone ceremony for the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library.

Conducted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, the traditional ceremony will commence at 11 a.m. and will include the placement of objects symbolic of Jefferson Davis and Confederate history in the structure's cornerstone.

The public is encouraged to attend this historic ceremony for the only presidential library in Mississippi. The library, a \$4.5 million project of the State of Mississippi, was begun in August 1996 and will open to the public June 3, 1998.

Memorial Day activities will continue with an Old South picnic on the lawn of Beauvoir House at 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate but should make reservations. Participants are requested to bring food for the pot-luck meal. Plates, utensils and soft drinks will be provided free of charge.

The day's activities will conclude with a memorial service

at the Confederate Cemetery and Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and hosted by Sam Davis Camp 596 SCV, the service will include Confederate military exercises, 19th century music and poetry, and floral tributes. Members of Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter 520 Children of the Confederacy will also portray Confederate soldiers home residents as part of the program.

The cornerstone ceremony, Old South picnic, and memorial service are a part of the institutions' celebration of Mississippi Confederate History Month. All activities on the grounds are free and open to the public. Regular admission, however, will be charges for visitors wishing to tour the museum buildings.

Beauvoir National Historic Landmark is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, it is located at the intersection of Beauvoir Road and U.S. 90 in Biloxi. For information, call (601) 388-9074.

Donor gives Ole Miss \$660,000 for Faulkner Chair

An anonymous donor has given the University of Mississippi \$660,000 to fund a Chair of Faulkner Studies in the College of Liberal Arts.

The endowment will pay tribute to the late Nobel Prize-winning author William Faulkner. The university has become internationally known for its annual Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference, which is in its 24th year, and as owner and operator of Rowan Oak, Faulkner's home.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous gift," said Ole

Miss Chancellor Robert C. Khayat. "The donor expressed wishes to strengthen the heart of the university, which is the College of Liberal Arts and the library. Since William Faulkner - the greatest writer of the 20th century - lived in Oxford, I think it is most appropriate to have a chair in his name at this university."

For more information about contributions to the Chair of Faulkner Studies, call Dr. Don Fruge, vice chancellor for University Advancement at (601) 232-5944.

Abstinence program

Educational efforts to promote abstinence from premarital sexual activity and curb out-of-wedlock births could get a million dollar boost in Mississippi this year.

Welfare reform legislation at the federal level created a new section of Title V, the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, to establish a separate program for abstinence education.

As lead agency for the state's abstinence education program, the State Department of Health seeks applicants for about \$1.1 million that could be granted to Mississippi.

Any public or private organization or agency is eligible to apply for a grant that could range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Successful applicants must demonstrate their capability to provide abstinence education activities that target groups most likely to bear children out of wedlock.

Applications are due to the State Department of Health by May 15.

Detailed information about the application requirements and process are available by contacting Ernest Griffin, director of Personal Health Services at The Health Department, at 601/960-7464.

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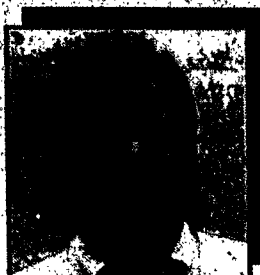
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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Richard Meek

History will remember April 13 as the day Tiger Woods was fitted for the first of what eventually should be a closet full of green jackets, the coveted reward for winning golf's prestigious Masters Championship. But Woods' stunning 12-stroke victory was much more than his proclamation as the greatest player on the planet today. It was the day the pompous face of golf changed forever. It was a day that a stodgy game went urban, when it commuted from suburbia to the 'hood.

Even before bringing fabled Augusta National to its aristocratic knees, Woods had become an icon in the inner city. Although not the first African-American to integrate the ivory PGA Tour, he is the first to captivate the inner-city youth.

His popularity has matched that of Michael Jordan's, only in a much shorter period of time. Because of Woods' emergence on the Tour, young African-Americans are now beginning to dream of birdies as well as slam dunks.

By himself, Woods has taken a country club sport and introduced it to the city. Because of his efforts, urban golf courses are rapidly becoming as popular as the corner playground.

Young African-Americans can now dare the dream of one day playing what is generally considered an elitist sport for pay.

How fitting that Woods' greatest triumph came on the eve of the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in baseball.

Woods' dynamic personality,

Woods makes history at Augusta

however, transcends race and culture. He is as popular with the X Generation as with the Geritol set. He can play Nintendo the night before the final round of a major championship and speak to the President of the United States less than 24 hours later.

Fame carries with it the price tag of responsible behavior, and in Woods' case, becoming a role model for young people. Fortunately, he is not Dennis Rodman or Albert Belle in spikes.

Woods' maturity level suggests that he is prepared and welcomes the opportunity to shoulder that mantle. He has already reached out to the African-American community with clinics and other appearances. Although only 21, Woods appears wise beyond his years.

His most important message, however, is one away from the fairway. Woods' rise to the top of his profession is a shining example of the rewards attainable only through hard work and dedication. He has shown young people that racial barriers can be knocked down with a commitment to be the best, no matter the undertaking. Excellence recognizes no prejudice.

Although it is true Woods was a disciple of golf since he was a toddler, nothing was handed to him. Rather, the burning desire to excel carried him through endless hours on the practice tee and greens, while others of less will went astray.

His goal was always constant, and his focus never wavered. In the glow of a Georgia sunset on Sunday, Woods had climbed the mountain and achieved his proudest moment at a place that has a long history of racism.

Woods' charisma is reminiscent of a young Arnold Palmer. Palmer is justifiably credited with bringing golf to the masses and into our living rooms.

But the sport has long been in search of another Palmer. No doubt Jack Nicklaus is the greatest golfer of all time, but never possessed Palmer's charismatic personality.

Woods is a combination of both. He is not only a role model for young people, he is an ambassador for his sport. Golf is the richer for his presence.

On another Masters note, I had the opportunity last weekend to visit the famed Augusta tract. Unfortunately, the azaleas had bloomed two weeks earlier, so green was the dominant color, down to the bathroom urinals and garbage can liners.

The thing that jumps out to a first-time visitor is the course's topography. There is not a level lie on the whole course. On No. 10, the tee shot features what has to be a 150-foot drop.

The famed 18th hole is severely uphill, much more so than television cameras can capture.

But the rough is minimal, and the fairways are generous. Even the average player would have little trouble hitting fairways and greens.

However, the fun begins on the greens. The undulations are severe, which puts a premium on hitting the ball in the right spots.

Is Augusta National the shrine everyone claims? Not really, but part of that is because of the tournament's jaded history. No event so steeped in racial prejudice should ever be defied.

Is the course overrated? Possibly.

However, peaking out from behind every dogwood are the ghosts of Nelson, Snead and Sarazan. Listen closely, and one can still hear the cries of Arnie's Army emanating from the azaleas, and the roar of the crowd when Jack Nicklaus rolled in that long putt on the 16th on his way to his fifth green jacket in 1986.

For the memories alone, Augusta is someplace special.

State Games goes to two-weekend sportsfest

The 1997 State Games of Mississippi is only four months away and as the state's largest amateur sports festival for all ages and skill levels, it will provide a fun and exciting challenge for aspiring athletes who want to experience the thrills of formal competition.

Due to the popularity and tremendous growth in several sports, the State Games will split events into two weekends of competition for the first time in its history.

The move to a two-weekend format should give athletes and spectators a better opportunity to participate in more than one sporting event.

The first weekend will be known as the "Inaugural Weekend" and is scheduled for June 21-22. The Inaugural Weekend will offer adult basketball, canoe/kayak, road race cycling, mountain biking, men's soccer, adult softball, adult swimming, youth open soccer and the 5K run.

Following the Inaugural Weekend will be the traditional "Festival Weekend" June 27-29. Sports offered during the weekend will be 3-D archery, high school baseball, high school basketball, bowling, judo, powerlifting, youth recreation soccer, girls softball, stickball, tennis, track and field and volleyball.

The sailing competition is scheduled for May 31-June 1. Over the games season a total of 22 sports will be accessible to Mississippi amateur athletes.

Youth recreation soccer teams will need to qualify in district playoffs scheduled June

7-8 in Jackson, County, Northeast Jackson and Greenville to advance to the State Games finals. The youth soccer open tournament will not hold qualifying tournaments.

Baseball tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, June 21 at New Albany, Grenada, Jones Community College and Picayune. For specific information on districts and tryouts, call the State Games office.

Athletes may compete in more than one event and are encouraged to pre-register. Deadlines vary with each sport. Entry forms provide information on deadlines, qualifications and entry fees. All registered athletes will receive a free State Games T-shirt and entrance to the opening ceremonies where they will represent their hometown in the Parade of Athletes.

The opening ceremonies will be held during the Festival Weekend on Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Ray Stadium in Meridian. Tickets will be \$5 and may be purchased at the gate.

Entry forms are available now and can be picked up at sporting locations around Mississippi. For the nearest location in your community, call 1-800-482-0205.

Gold sponsors for the State Games are Rush Foundation Hospital, Coca-Cola, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Riley Memorial Hospital, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the Mississippi Division of Tourism.

For information call (800) 482-0205 or (601) 482-0205.

State Farm/Archie Manning Cystic Fibrosis Golf Classic

The fifth annual State Farm/Archie Manning Cystic Fibrosis Golf Classic is set to take place Friday, May 2 at the Broadwater Sun Course.

The event benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which fights the number one genetic killer of young people in America.

This year's event is a handicapped scramble tournament of four-man teams who may choose 9 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. starts.

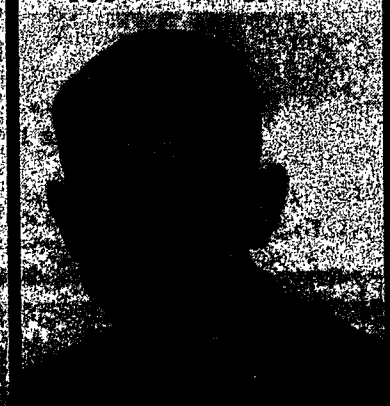
Golfers may participate individually or through businesses with corporate sponsorships, which include greens and cart fees, tournament shirt, lunch and awards ceremony, tee sign on course, listing in program and banners. The President Casino will host a Tee-Off Party Thursday evening, May 1, for

all golfers and a guest. Major sponsors include State Farm, The President Casino, Gulf Coast Medical Center and the new Palace Casino.

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SSC & OLA sit atop classes in district

Special to the Echo

The 1997 track season is entering the final stretch with the area teams participating in the district meets and hoping to advance their teams to the regionals, south state, and state meets.

This year's host to the District 7 Class 4A and 2A track meet is Hancock High School. The meet opened on Monday, April 14, with finals in all the field events and a final in the 3200 meter run.

In 4A boys, St. Stanislaus leads all teams with 68 points and has qualified at least one participant in each event for the regionals that will be held at Hancock High School next weekend.

Following SSC in the team standings is Oak Grove High School with 55 points, Bay High 38 points, Hancock 27 points, Picayune 12 points, and Petal 10 points.

The top four finishers in each event qualify to participate in the regional meet.

In the high jump, Mike Fenasci of SSC placed second with a leap of 5'10". Kendrick Lewis of Hancock and Derrick Saucier of Bay High placed third and fourth, respectively, with leaps of 5-8 and 5-6.

In the long jump, James Benton won the competition with a jump of 21-5 and Andy Brown of SSC placed second with a distance of 20-8. Paul Farve of SSC finished fourth with a jump of 19-2.

In the discus throw, Matt Kophler placed second with a throw of 127-8 and Tony Garces of Picayune finished third with a mark of 116-8. Alan Thompson of Hancock qualified for regionals with a fourth place throw of 109-7 1/2.

In shotput, Geil Jacobs finished third with a put of 43-6 and Brandon Smith of Hancock placed fourth with a put of 39-8.

For pole vault, Wes Griffith of Bay High vaulted 12-0 to win the event and Ty McMichael placed second with a mark of 10-0. Cory Ray of Bay High placed third with 9-6 and Doyle Moran finished fourth with 9-6 due to more misses at prior attempts.

Tank Williams of Bay High placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 38-7 1/2 to qualify and Fenasci of SSC placed third with a jump of 38-2. Mike Bell of Hancock placed fourth to move on to regionals with a distance of 37-1.

In the 3200 meter run, Matt Godwin of Picayune won the race with a time of 11:05.81 followed by David Heaps of SSC in second with an 11:06.47 time. John Rich of SSC placed third with a time of 11:21.20.

The 4A girls meet is shaping up to be a close one for Thursday's running event finals. The Bay High and Hancock girls' teams are tied 26-26 after the first day followed by Picayune with 21 points. Oak Grove has 18 points and Petal rounds out the teams with 14 points.

In the high jump, Alicia Gagnie of Bay High won the event with a leap of 4-10 and Jessica Pucheu of Hancock placed second with a mark of 4-8.

Terri Morel of Hancock placed third with 4-8 due to more misses and Shenma Ambrose of Bay High finished fourth with a leap of 4-4.

In the discus, Maranda Cuevas of Hancock won the event with a throw of 93-9 and Chanda Haley of Bay High finished second with a throw of 93-8.

In the long jump, Latonya Magee of Picayune leaped 14-8 to win the event and April Gibson of Bay High placed fourth to move on to regional competition with a leap of 14-3.

In the shotput, Chanda Haley of Bay High won the competition with a put of 31-8 and Pucheu of Hancock placed second with a put of 31-7.

In the 3200 meter run, Cheryl Wilson of Picayune qualified for regionals by winning the event with a time of 13:50.92.

In 2A girls action, Our Lady Academy is in control of the meet with 69 points followed by Sumrall with 54 points. Lumberton is in third place with 14 points, Richton nine points, and Seminary three points.

OLA has qualified at least one participant in each event for regional competition that will be held next week at Hancock.

In the long jump, Kristin

Cannon of OLA won the event with a leap of 13-3 and teammate Latonya Piernas placed second with a jump of 12-11.

In the high jump, OLA took the top two spots with Elizabeth Soree and Missy McPhail qualifying, respectively. Both Soree and McPhail jumped 4-6; however, Soree placed first with fewer misses.

Jill Rutherford of OLA placed fourth in the shotput with a put of 25-7 to move on to regional competition.

Emily Alford, of OLA, and Rutherford both qualified in the discus with Alford placing third and Rutherford fourth. Alford threw the discus 79-9 and Rutherford 72-4.

In the 3200 meter run, OLA claimed the top two spots with two-time defending state 2A champion McPhail winning the race in 13:28.54. Lauren Hansell placed second with a time of 13:47.86.

The meet will continue today with the running events starting at 5pm at the Hancock High School track.

Stroud camp

The 17th annual John Stroud Professional Basketball Camp will be held this summer at Millsaps College in Jackson.

The camp will be for boys ages 7-17 and the camp dates are June 16-19 (morning camp), June 22-26 (resident/commuter camp) and July 14-17 (morning camp).

The girls' basketball camps will be July 6-10 and July 20-24 for girls ages 7-17.

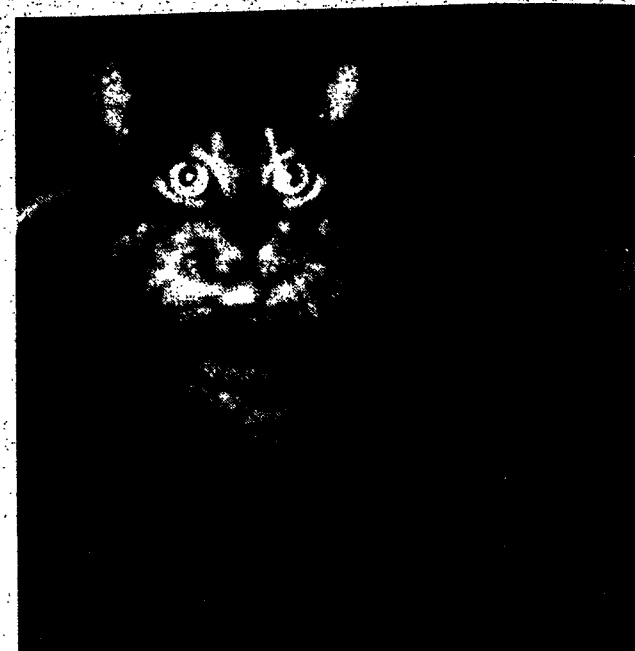
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Perk sweeps River; Wildcats 18-20

The Pearl River Community College Wildcats were swept by Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkinston in South Division baseball action, dropping PRCC's overall record to 18-20 and 7-9 in the division.

The host Bulldogs won the first game 14-4, then followed with an 11-1 victory in the nightcap.

Sophomore Greg Boone was the losing pitcher in the first game, while Chad Menard led the Wildcats at the plate with a single and a double. Tom Ondrejka had an RBI.

In the second game, T. J. Landreaneau was the losing pitcher, while Walli Shabazz of

Bay St. Louis paced PRCC hitters with two singles and an RBI.

The sweep bumped the South Division co-leader's overall mark to 28-8, 13-3 in the division.

Six regular season doubleheaders remain for the Wildcats before the '97 State Tournament May 3-4 at the home field of the South champ. The top two teams from the North and South divisions will participate in the tourney. Gulf Coast and East Central are seemingly in control of the South race with only three losses each.

The Wildcats hope to get back on a winning track Saturday with a road trip to Ellisville to

face Jones in a division doubleheader beginning at 4 p.m.

The Wildcats eye a division make-up game today against Jones in Ellisville at 4 p.m. That doubleheader was originally scheduled for past Saturday, but was postponed due to rain. The Faulkner State contest scheduled for Thursday was cancelled to make room for the Jones make-up doubleheader.

Two of PRCC's final three games — all at home — are against division foes, including Co-Lin on April 19 and East Central on April 26 (1 p.m. Saturday doubleheaders). East Mississippi is on the Poplarville campus Wednesday, April 23 for a 3 p.m. doubleheader.

Neelis hopeful for post season

Can the host team for the state women's softball tournament be sitting in the grandstand watching four other teams vie for a state championship?

Yes. But PRCC softball coach Lorie Neelis, whose Lady Wildcats are struggling to finish at least second in the South Division race in order to cop a berth, says the chances are good that her unit will be casting their wares come April 28-29 when Pearl River hosts the 1997 State Tournament at the Tim-

berton Complex near William Carey College in Hattiesburg. "There are no guarantees, but everybody in our division is around the .500 mark. Right now it's still anybody's game," Neelis said.

Only the top two teams from the North and South divisions get berths in the championship tourney. With a 13-22 overall and 7-11 division record, the Lady Wildcats are at the "do or die" stage of their season.

All three of PRCC's remaining regular season doubleheaders are against South foes.

"I'm not saying we have to win all our remaining games to get a berth, but it could boil down to that," she explained. "This week will tell the tale."

Neelis says the PRCC ladies have a "solid shot" at sweeping the remainder of their games. Against Co-Lin on April 1, Pearl River Split with PRCC's 1-run loss going eight innings. East Central swept PRCC on March 25, but both games were 8-inning affairs and saw 1-run margins of victory. The Lady Wildcats split with Jones March 27, losing the second game 2-1 thanks to a costly PRCC error late in the game.

The Lady Wildcats split non-division doubleheader action with Bishop State from Bay Minette, Ala., losing the first game 5-3, but rebounding with a 7-1 victory in the nightcap at the Bill Watson Recreational Complex in Poplarville.

Jessie Thompson pitched both games for PRCC, while A. J. Holmes paced River hitters in the first game with a home run and a single. Rolanda McGough added two singles. Pearl River managed seven hits in the loss.

In the 7-1 victory, the Lady Wildcats had nine hits. Tia Palmer led the way with a triple and a single, while Jaime Massie and Thompson had two singles.

On Wednesday, PRCC split

with Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkinston, losing the first game 10-7, but winning the second 8-2.

Thompson handled the pitching duties in both games. In the first game, Cheryl Jackson led the way at the plate with a triple and a single, while McGough, Massie and Candace Wheat had two singles a piece. Holmes tripled for PRCC, which had 10 total hits in the game.

In the second game, Palmer tripled and singled, while McGough and Massie had two singles each. Thompson added a triple.

On Tuesday, Hinds sept PRCC 14-3 and 12-4 in Poplarville.

Thompson pitched both games for the Lady Wildcats, while Palmer and Holmes each had a triple and a single. Becca Dupuy of Bay St. Louis had two singles. PRCC had 11 total hits.

In the second game, Palmer doubled. Pearl River managed only five hits in the game.

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Isle of Capri



Ed Alonzo

Ed Alonzo returns with new live show

The art of illusion takes on a tropical twist with the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort's latest live show featuring the wit and wonder of Ed Alonzo.

Alonzo, a well-known visual comedy illusionist returned to the Isle for a third visit with some new tricks up his sleeve in a 30-minute one-man production, presented in association with Robert Kline Productions.

The show, which can be seen in the Isle's Caribbean Cove Entertainment Lounge, he will perform acts such as "The Invisible High Diving Elephant," "The Straight Jacket," and "The Hokey Pokey."

Alonzo, who is also a sit-com writer and character actor, may be best known for his role as Max on the syndicated show "Saved by the Bell." The multi-talented magician has also made appearances on "Disneyland's All Star Comedy Circus," "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," "Full House" and on "Murphy Brown" as one of her popular and entertaining secretaries. Alonzo has made the talk show circuit as well and appears in comedy clubs across the country.

Show times will be Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 3 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 3 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Admission is, as always at the Isle, complimentary.

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ing Bayou Magic, the Main Street Methodist Church parking lot facing Second Street, and two or three homes facing Railroad Street.

Ruth Thompson, co-owner of the bakery, said, "It would be expensive to move, but we really don't need a building this large."

She said she and her husband

opened the business in January of 1988 and have built a loyal customer base, "so it wouldn't put us out of business."

Her husband, Jim Thompson, said, "It would be hard to find a new location." But, he said he had already talked with the sheriff, and he saw the need

to build the juvenile center in the downtown area, close to the courthouse and other youth services.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward managed to get a 5-0 vote on her call "for immediate appraisal" of the lands to the north of the county jail, although Board President Philip

Moran said he favored building a detention center as part of a new County Courthouse complex.

A committee has been formed to look for a site for a new courthouse after citizens in a recent non-binding vote said they would support building one.

Moran said he thought a de-

tention center downtown "would not serve us 30 to 40 years down the road."

And, County Administrator Tim Keller mentioned that the state legislature seemed intent on funding regional juvenile detention centers, although efforts failed in the session just adjourned.

He said maybe the county should wait to see what the legislature does in the future, but the county's Chief Juvenile Investigator, Ken Hurt, and Peterson argued the need to build one now in Hancock County is critical.

"I just had to release a 16-year-old who beat his mother back to his mother's house because I had nowhere to put him," said Hurt.

He said the county could be faced with a lawsuit costing more than \$3 million if a juvenile he releases commits a heinous crime.

Peterson at first asked supervisors to call a non-binding referendum to get citizens' feelings about building the detention center, but as talks progressed, the board leaned toward having an actual bond issue election.

The sheriff said the proposal to build the county jail failed on the first try, but passed the second time it was put to voters.

Peterson said the county needs to be "up front" with voters, and tell them exactly how much it would increase taxes in order to build the juvenile facility. He said his department would help to inform the public if the issue were put on a ballot.

However, no immediate date was set for an election.

School

"There is not a single classroom that is not in use during the day at the high school," Flowers said. "We have a strong need for additional classrooms. A lot of people are moving in and will live here."

Flowers said the construction of a new junior high school would also alter the current se-

tup at the middle and high schools. Two years ago, the high school and junior high were combined.

The new junior high would be for grades 6-8, and fourth and fifth graders would attend the middle school. The elementary schools would remain K-3.

Flowers said there have been previous problems with discipline at the high school, but that construction of a junior high should help ease those concerns.

Flowers said several repairs are needed at the middle school, located on Second Street in Bay St. Louis. The building, which is

nearly 70 years old, has previously served as Bay Junior High, and Bay High School.

"It's wonderful to have a place of historical significance," Flowers said of the middle school. "But it's also expensive to keep it up."

Flowers said property taxes

on homes with an appraised value of \$100,000 would increase by about \$100 a year.

"This is a venture that is sorely needed," he said.

Board attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr. said the district has reached an agreement in principle with the Magic for sale of the property. However, a final selling price has not been determined.

The district is planning to purchase eight acres that currently adjoins the football practice field.

Plans call for the new school to be built on what is now the Magic property, and that a road will separate the two schools.

At least 60 percent of the voters must approve the bond for it to be passed.

Personnel

Sandy Albright back on the roster for employment next year. But for three weeks, she was out.

Albright has not returned repeated telephone calls from The Sea Coast Echo. And school board members refuse to discuss the series of shifting votes on Albright's employment.

Meanwhile, two certified personnel identified to the public only by employee number effectively have been fired by the board. Both have appealed, and the board has had to hire a hearing officer and law firm to deal with the appeals. Hearings — with all the trappings of a court session — have been set for April 28 and 29.

One official said Monday that the two work in different schools, but no further information has been released concern-

ing the employees.

Votes on retention of most of the district's employees were first taken in a March 24 meeting, with board members balloting on recommendations for personnel at three elementary schools, Hancock High School and the vocational technical school.

Although there were some split votes during that balloting, all of the school's personnel were approved for the coming year as recommended by Superintendent Terry Randolph, including personnel for Hancock High School.

Then, in a closed session, board members Billie Lyons and Lenette Necaise put a motion on the floor to table consideration of employment and coaching assignments for certified personnel at Hancock High.

The five-member board agreed unanimously to set those recommendations aside.

No further action was taken on the matter when the board held another meeting three days later.

But, in an April 7 meeting, Necaise made a motion to approve the previously tabled employees — except for the girls' high school basketball coach, board records show.

That motion passed unanimously. But in Monday's meeting, the issue arose again during a closed session that had been called for by the board's attorney, Steve Benvenuti. The attorney suggested a need to talk about "personnel matters" and "potential litigation."

The only action taken in Monday night's closed session, said board president Cheryl Bennett, was to approve the recommended girls' basketball coach. That action came in a three-two split vote, Bennett said. Bennett also said she and board members Larry Peterson and Lyons voted in favor of retaining Albright with Necaise and Tony Caston opposed.

Necaise refused to discuss the series of votes Monday, saying she cannot discuss personnel matters in light of the potential for litigation. She said her negative votes against recommended personnel at some schools were required under state nepotism laws — because she has relatives employed in several schools.

Bennett, meanwhile, said discussion of personnel matters is strictly reserved for execu-

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Homes

Gray said the Historic Society would oppose demolition of the homes, but would hope the county could preserve and relocate the Queen Anne-style cottages in the event the county decides upon the site.

He said most homes and businesses in the downtown area are rated of "primary, contributory and marginal importance," but he could not find the ranking attached to the cottages.

"I do know they were built by the railroad between 1870 and 1880," said Gray "and they have been occupied ever since." He added, "I would think they would be of primary importance."

Gray said he thought the houses at 125 and 127 Front

Street could easily be moved, but the larger home at 129 Front might be more difficult to relocate.

At least one property owner is unhappy.

Louise Beale said she lives at 127 Front Street with her mother, who has occupied the house more than 50 years.

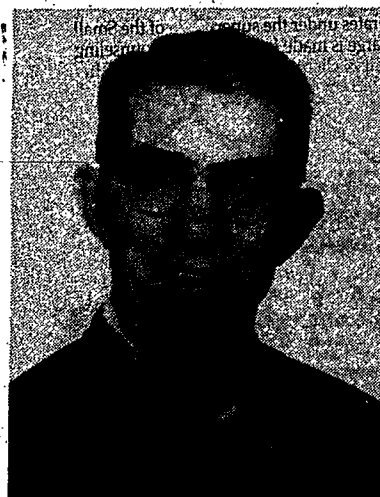
She said she learned her house might be in harm's way through the media.

She wouldn't say whether she would resist selling the house to the county, but said she was miffed that "no supervisor called me."

"I would have thought one of the supervisors might have called me first rather than announce it to the newspaper," said Beale.

Obits

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BR. AUBERT REBMAN, SC
Brother Aubert Rebman, SC, 87, (Michael Charles Rebman), a Brother of the Sacred Heart, died Monday, April 14, 1997 in Bay St. Louis.

Brother Aubert was born in Tusculum, Ala. For more than 35 years he was a resident of Bay St. Louis where he had been assigned several times during his long career and where he chose to spend his retirement years. He served with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart as a teacher, prefect and maintenance worker in Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New York, and Mississippi. He joined the Brothers at Metuchen, N.J. in 1925, and on Easter Sunday this year he celebrated his 70th year of religious vows.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lilly Rhodes Rebman; three brothers, Francis Rebman, Paul Rebman and Joseph Rebman.

Survivors include two brothers, Bernard Rebman of Tusculum, Ala. and Christopher Rebman of El Cajon, Calif.; a sister, Sister Grace Rebman, a daughter of Charity, of St. Louis, Mo.

Visitation was Wednesday at St. Stanislaus Chapel in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the school chapel at 4:30 p.m. today. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow in the Brothers Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Memorials in the name of Brother Aubert may be sent to the Vocational Development Of-

fice, "Brothers of the Sacred Heart," 720 Hearstone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

ALFRED E. TACKETT

Alfred E. Tackett, 50, of Kiln, died Sunday, April 13, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Tackett was owner of Home Plate Collectibles in Waveland and a member of Hancock Bass Masters Association.

Survivors include his wife, Gilda L. Tackett of Kiln; two sons, Thomas A. Tackett of Kaplan, La., and Jason P. Tackett of Kiln; a daughter, Rosemary E. Tackett of Waveland; his parents, Floyd and Katherine Bosman of Richmond, Mich.; and numerous brothers and sisters.

A 2 p.m. Memorial Service will be conducted Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis where friends may call after 2 p.m.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Hope Haven.

RUSSELL H. WILSON

Russell Harmon Wilson, 81, of d'Iberville, died Saturday, April 12, 1997, in Biloxi.

Mr. Wilson was a lifetime resident of the Coast and a graduate of MSU. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Biloxi, where he was a member of the choir. He was a Mason and member of Daisy Lodge 421 in Vestry and the owner of Russell Wilson Pest Control. He was an agronomist at Keesler Air Force Base and had been employed with the Civil Service for 32 years.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Ogden Wilson of d'Iberville; a daughter, Melinda Patterson of Vicksburg; two sons, Stephen R. Wilson of Hattiesburg, S.C. and Duane O. Wilson of Diamondhead; and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi. Visitation was at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in north Jackson County. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Lego and SSC come together for a day

Did you know that the word Lego means "play well" in Danish and "I put together" in Latin? And, did you know that the first Lego bricks were made of wood? They weren't made of plastic until 1949.

Well, Lego has come a long way in its company history and Stennis Space Center and Lego are coming together for a day of family fun and entertainment Saturday, May 3 at the SSC Visitors Center.

Local children are invited to the Stennis Space Center Visitors Center to help build a 12-foot Space Shuttle made entirely from Lego bricks.

The NASA festivities will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours of the center as well as continuous fun-filled programs, movies and a contest for the kids are all planned throughout the day.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to preregister by Wednesday, April 23 to receive a special memento of the day's activities. School, Scout, church and other groups are encouraged to attend.

The space Shuttle will become part of the "Travel in Space" World Show, which is on exhibit at Stennis Space Center through August. The show consists of 18 models, creating a world of rocket ships, astronauts and rocky lunar landscapes — all made entirely from Lego bricks.

more than 3,500 hours to design, engineer and build.

Travel in Space is designed to teach children about flight and space travel that started with the Wright brothers in 1903, followed by the race to the moon in the 1960s and predictions of future space travel.

A play area is also provided in the exhibit, where children can create their own original Lego space ships, astronauts and alien landscapes in the presence of awe-inspiring, large-scale space scenes and models.

Lego Master Model Builders will be on hand to assist in construction of the 12-foot shuttle. Children ages 6-12 are encouraged to attend and help the builders assemble the tremendous exhibit.

For information or to preregister, call the Visitors Center at 1-800-237-1821 or 601-688-2370.

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Worsening credit card problems concentrate among few institutions

As widely reported, year end 1996 bank credit card delinquencies continued their growth. However, most of the serious delinquencies (loans that are 90 days or more past due or that have been placed in nonaccrual status) are the result of problems at a small number of banks.

In fact, if these banks were excluded, credit card delinquency rates nationwide would decline to levels associated with other kinds of consumer lending.

At year end, serious credit card delinquencies amounted to .92 percent of card debt held by banks in their loan portfolios, up from 1.83 percent in the third quarter. Serious delinquencies of non-credit card consumer loans and home mortgages remained low, near one percent.

To date, the increasing delinquency trend affecting credit card accounts has not spread to other types of personal loans.

These findings are based on VERIBANC's analysis of December 31 call report data for the nation's 10,120 banks. (including savings banks that report to their regulators as banks. The date were released by the Federal Reserve Board March 24, 1997.

Seriously delinquent credit card loans continued their growth, registering their 11th

consecutive quarterly increase and third consecutive year-to-year increase. The card sector problems stand in sharp contrast to other forms of consumer lending, which indicate no trending behavior since recovery from the 1991 recession.

As of Dec. 31, 1996 Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 4.6 billion; of non-credit card consumer debt, 3.3 billion; of home equity loans, 0.46 billion and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 7.15 billion.

Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 1.92 percent; of non-credit card consumer debt, 0.92 percent; of home equity loans, 0.50 percent; and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 1.06 percent.

Change in rate from the previous year: credit cards, 19.3 percent; non-credit card consumer debt, —8.3 percent; home equity loans, —7.6 percent; and 1-4 family home mortgages, 13.8 percent.

As of Dec. 31, 1995 Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 3.5 billion; of non-credit card consumer debt, 3.2 billion; of home equity loans, 0.46 billion and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 6.00 billion.

Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 1.61 percent; of non-credit card consumer debt, 0.96 percent; of home equity loans, 0.54 percent; and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 0.93 percent.

Change in rate from the previous year: credit cards, 29.8 percent; non-credit card consumer debt, 9.1 percent; home equity loans, —3.7 percent; and 1-4 family home mortgages, —9.0 percent.

As of Dec. 31, 1994 Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 2.3 billion; of non-credit card consumer debt, 2.7 billion; of home equity loans, 0.46 billion and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 5.60 billion.

Serious credit card delinquency amounted to 1.24 percent; of non-credit card consumer debt, 0.88 percent; of home equity loans, 0.56 percent; and of 1-4 family home mortgages, 0.96 percent.

Change in rate from the previous year: credit cards, —12.7 percent; non-credit card consumer debt, —6.4 percent; home equity loans, —20.9 percent; and 1-4 family home mortgages, —26.0 percent.

Industry efforts to rein in the growing delinquency and chargeoff rates are beginning to take effect. Card lending and card credit limits both grew more slowly in 1996 than in the two previous years.

Credit limits on cards, as a multiple of card debt outstanding, increased at a slightly reduced rate from 1995. These retrenchments, however, fall considerably short of the growth in chargeoff amounts and chargeoff rates over the same period.

Card credit limits and chargeoffs
Dec. 31, 1996

Money management course

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Division of Continuing Education will offer "Money Management" during May at its Gulf Park and Jackson County campuses.

"Money Management," a course designed to give students skills to plan now for financial success, will be taught April 29, May 6 and 13, 6-9:30 p.m. and May 8, 10 and 17, 8:30 a.m.-noon at USMGC's Gulf Park campus.

The course will also be offered at USM-Jackson County May 1, 8 and 15, 6-9:30 p.m. Cost at either location is \$59.

For information or to register, call (601) 865-4508 or (601) 497-5135.

Credit card debt outstanding: 238 billion

Growth from previous year 8.2 percent

Cardholder credit limits:

— \$ Billions 1,364

— Increase from Previous Year 20.9 percent

— Multiple of Card Loans Outstanding 5.73

— Increase in Multiple from Previous Year 11.6 percent

Net Chargeoffs for the Year

— \$ Billions 9.64

— Chargeoff Rate (net chargeoffs as a percentage of average credit card loans outstanding during the year) 4.37

Dec. 31, 1995

Credit card debt outstanding: 220 billion

Growth from previous year 15.9 percent

Cardholder credit limits:

— \$ Billions 1,128

— Increase from Previous Year 30.9 percent

— Multiple of Card Loans Outstanding 5.14

— Increase in Multiple from Previous Year 13.0 percent

Net Chargeoffs for the Year

— \$ Billions 6.84

— Chargeoff Rate (net chargeoffs as a percentage of average credit card loans outstanding during the year) 3.39

Dec. 31, 1994

Credit card debt outstanding: 189 billion

Growth from previous year 21.8 percent

Cardholder credit limits:

— \$ Billions 862

— Increase from Previous Year 28.9 percent

— Multiple of Card Loans Outstanding 4.55

— Increase in Multiple from Previous Year 5.8 percent

Net Chargeoffs for the Year

— \$ Billions 5.03

— Chargeoff Rate (net chargeoffs as a percentage of average credit card loans outstanding during the year) 2.99

A total of 157 banks have credit card debt outstanding that exceed \$100 million. These banks account for 96 percent of all banks' credit card debt and 97 percent of all seriously delinquent card debt.

However, of these, the 48 so-called "monoline" banks, with 90 percent or more of their total lending consisting of credit card debt, stand out. As a group, the monolines hold 56 percent of all bank card debt and 63 percent of the serious delinquencies.

Their overall credit card serious delinquency rate is 2.22 percent, about one sixth worse than the rest of the industry. Examination of the group indicates 23 of the monoline banks have credit card portfolios with serious delinquency rates in excess of the national average.

Twenty eight companies that operate credit card programs through subsidiary or affiliated banks account for 54 percent of all credit card debt and 78 percent of all seriously delinquent card debt.

Banks in these groups, taken together, have a serious credit card delinquency rate of 2.78 percent, almost half again the national average.

Moreover, if the 48 banks associated with the specialty groups are considered separately from the other 5,906 banks in the industry that offer credit cards, the remainder of the industry's serious card delinquency rate is 0.91 percent. This reduced delinquency level is close to that of other consumer lending categories.

The 10 companies with specialty card programs that have the highest serious delinquency rates are:

• Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Mich., banks included 2; debt outstanding, 319,448; delinquencies outstanding, 4.35 percent.

• Dillard Department Stores, Little Rock, Ark., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 1,242,362; delinquencies outstanding, 3.78 percent.

• Dean Witter, Discover & Co., New York, N.Y., banks included 4; debt outstanding, 13,587,486; delinquencies outstanding, 3.68 percent.

• Walsh Carson Anderson, Stowe, New York, N.Y., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 197,876; delinquencies out-

standing, 3.43 percent.

• General Electric Company, Fairfield, Conn., banks included 3; debt outstanding, 8,022,149; delinquencies outstanding, 3.35 percent.

• Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, N.J., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 644,535; delinquencies outstanding, 2.97 percent.

• Capital One Financial Corp., Falls Church, Va., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 3,635,959; delinquencies outstanding, 2.83 percent.

• Spiegel Inc., Downers Grove, Ill., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 48,298; delinquencies outstanding, 2.77 percent.

• Advanta Corp., Horsham, Pa., banks included 3; debt outstanding, 2,033,651; delinquencies outstanding, 2.62 percent.

• Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor, Mich., banks included 1; debt outstanding, 86,709; delinquencies outstanding, 2.50 percent.

Totals and average for institutions listed above, banks include 18, debt outstanding, 29,798,473; delinquencies outstanding, 3.41 percent.

Totals and average for all 48 specialized bank groups, banks include 48, debt outstanding, 128,595,820; delinquencies outstanding, 2.78 percent.

Recent studies by MasterCard International and the International Credit Association of Purdue University indicate that consumers' overall ability to repay installment debt has increased in recent years.

It appears that the minority of people who are poor credit risks have gravitated to a smaller number of card issuers. This process resembles insurance industry experience with "adverse selection," a problem that is likely to be resolved as bank card companies refine their credit screening and solicitation programs.

VERIBANC has developed a "hint sheet" that reviews shopping techniques for finding legitimate institutions offering the best interest rates. The publication describes rate change timing, terms, tradeoffs in dealing with national vs. local institutions, world wide web programs, risk and an advantage associated with bank-offered mutual funds. A copy is available to anyone who sends a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope.

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Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JOSEPH R. DELL, PLAINTIFF
VS.
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, BAYOU WOOD, INC. AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CIVIL CAUSE NO. 97-0047

TO: (a) Bayou Wood, Inc., a corporation not qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi, whose last known address is 4000 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39550, after diligent search and inquiry, and (b) Defendant, whose address, both post office and street addresses, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (c) Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the hereinafter described land:

Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block H; Lots 46, 47, 48 and 49, Block H; Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block J; Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block J; Lots 53 and 54, Block J; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block K; Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block K; Lots 47, 48, 49 and 50, Block K; Lots 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72, Block K; Lots 77, 78, 79 and 80, Block K; Lots 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90, Block K; Lots 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106, Block K; all in HARBOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ADDITION NO. 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this court by Joseph R. Dell, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P. O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The other defendants in this lawsuit is the State of Mississippi.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint; and in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1997, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITHIN MY SIGNATURE AND official seal this 7 day of April, 1997.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: MANDI ALBERS
DEPUTY CLERK
4-10; 4-17; 4-24-97

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Reference: Wellman, Inc. Project Port and Harbor Commission. The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

DOORS, FRAMES, & HARDWARE
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for "DOORS, FRAMES, & HARDWARE" at the Wellman, Inc. plant site at Port Bienville Industrial Park, Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission at 708 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, until 2:00 P.M. CDT, May 1, 1997.

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, office at Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, telephone (601)-467-9231 by qualified and licensed contractors upon payment of \$100.00. This payment is non-refundable.

All prospective bidders are cautioned that, in order to be valid, bids must clearly show the Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number both on the outside of the envelope as well as part of the bid package itself.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities and/or to reject any or all bids, as well as to postpone the award of any Contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening.

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Port and Harbor Commission
By: Harry J. Farve, Secretary
Date: April 10, 1997
-10; 4-17-97

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALLACE O. MILES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO. 97-0033
The undersigned, Laveria R. Miles, having been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Wallace O. Miles, Deceased, on the 28 day of March, 1997, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned at her office, located at 1111 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on or before the 30th day of May, 1997, at which time the claims will be heard and registered according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

This 23 day of March 1997.
Laveria R. Miles
Administratrix

Attorney for Estate:
Patricia H. Willis, P.A.
P. O. Box 128
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
4-3; 4-10; 4-17-97

Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS Richard Farrell and Deborah Farrell executed a Deed of Trust to First Tower Loan, Inc. as Trustee, which Deed of Trust is dated December 31, 1995 and recorded in Book 271 at Page 487 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS default having been made in the payment under said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms thereof, and the holder of that Deed of Trust having called upon me as Trustee to execute the trust and make foreclosure thereof according to law and the terms of said Deed of Trust;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack R. Lee, Trustee, do hereby give notice that I will offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described real property at the East Door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi on May 2, 1997 during legal hours, such property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows:

Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 59; Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's Subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land & Improvement Company's First Addition, (3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick veneer dwelling with central heat and air.) Located at 403 Combel Street, Waveland, MS.

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I shall convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1997.
Jack R. Lee, Trustee
P. O. Box 6000
Jackson, MS 39208
(601) 684-1090
4-10; 4-17; 4-24; 5-1-97

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
17304 KILNWAY 603
KILN, MS 39558
601-255-0378

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS
HUNTING AND FISHING
Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 5, 1997 in the Office of the Superintendent of Education, Hancock County School District, for the lease of the following 16th Section parcels for hunting and fishing purposes:

Section 16-7-15 400 Acres
Section 16-8-16 320 Acres
Section 17-5-15 247 Acres
You are hereby notified that sealed bids to lease the above described parcels for hunting and fishing purposes will be a term of five (5) years with a minimum bid of \$3.00 per acre.

Specifications may be obtained in the Office of the Superintendent, 17304 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39558 or by calling (601) 255-0378.

Please mark on the outside of the sealed envelope, BID FOR 16TH SECTION HUNTING AND FISHING LEASE IN SECTION

The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.
Terry Randolph, Superintendent
Hancock County School District
4-10; 4-17-97

John M. McDonald REALTY

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SALES
LEASING AND MANAGEMENT
467-5500 117 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS.
FOR SALE

LAKEWOOD SUBDIVISION: PRIME BUILDING SITES NEAR WAVELAND BEACH.

FARMER HOME BUILDING SITES

LARGE SECTION OF EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

LOTS FOR SALE
144' x 75', ALL UTILITIES, \$6,000.

RENTAL
WAVELAND: 2 BEDROOM, ONE BATH, LARGE YARD, \$475.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHARLES CONSTRUCTION, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
ROBERT HUET, MR. BRIET TALBOT and MR. BRIET TALBOT, DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS
(Service by Publication)
CAUSE NO. 97-0075

TO: MR. BRIET TALBOT and MR. BRIET TALBOT (LOR) TALBOT, who are adults and could not be found within the state after diligent search and inquiry, and whose last known

YOUTH

16-THE SEA COAST ECHO-THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1997

Bay Jr. High students stay busy



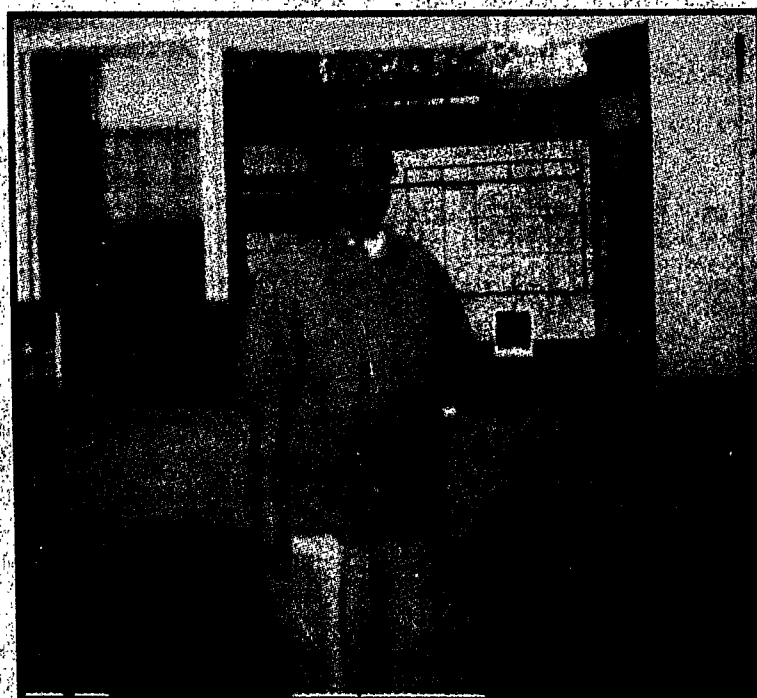
Eight seventh graders participated in ACE (Academic Competition towards Excellence) sponsored by St. Stanislaus. Dusty Bankston was awarded first place in social studies. Those participating front row from left, Melissa Mannion, guidance counselor, Felicity Ross, Ashley Benson, Natalie Fields and Meagan Lloyd. Back row from left, Bankston, Andrew Baldree, Ricky Strong and Jude Walser.



Bay High School recently sponsored a spelling bee for seventh and eighth graders. From left, Natalie Fields, grade 7; Meagan Lloyd, grade 7; Owen Villalta, grade 8 and Vanna Pham, grade 8 were the winners and will represent Bay High School at the county spelling bee.

Dominion Christian Academy local science fair winners

(Pictured below) Dominion Christian Academy sent its four local science fair winners to the Regional fair in Biloxi. From left, Alyssa Ladner, Beth Bingham, Frances Green and Corey Carver. (Pictured right) Frances Green took fifth place in Zoology at the high school level with her project entitled "Which food do dogs prefer?"



HNCE Arbor Day winners

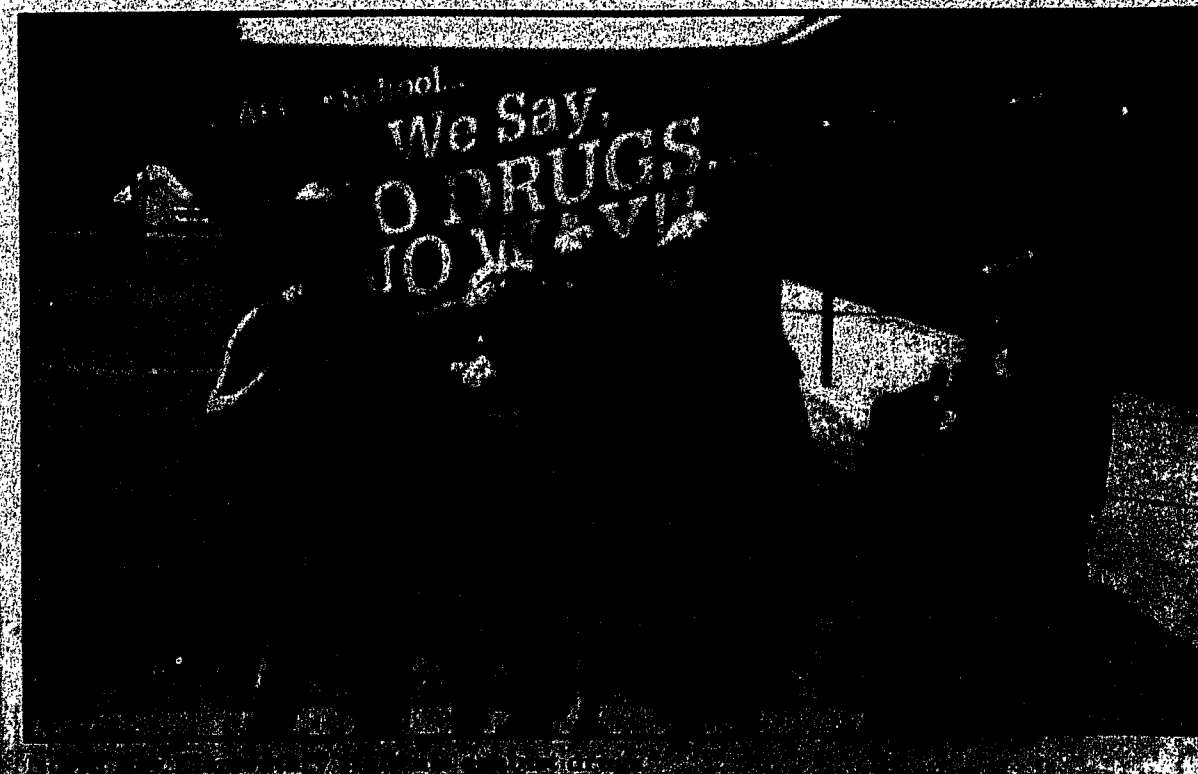


Hancock North Central Elementary recently held an Arbor Day Poster Contest for fifth graders. The winners are bottom row from left, Majorie Blanchette, Rachel Molyneux, Aimee Chavez, Greg Ladner and Gordon. Middle row from left, Jarid Sorrow, Wanda Thill, LaKrisha Dedeaux, Katie Johnson and Rachel Lee (state competition overall winner). Top row from left, Matt Crittenden, Brandon Singletary, Kyle Lizana, Summer Dawsey, Lindsey Lind and Emily Smith.

North Bay Elementary 'Be Smart' student winners



Students recently held "Be Smart" week with Gigi Hines, storyteller and musician talking with the students. Different contests were held all week with the winners receiving awards (pictured above and right). Winners were: Heather Jeanfreau, Camille Keith, Natasha Saucier, Jed Spiller, Chantelle Alley, Cassie Duverney, Leann Williams, Karli Smith, Clarence Shepard and Ian Gorum. Classroom winners were Ms. Fiveash, Ms. Stone, Ms. Gorum and Ms. Roth's classes.



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